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More arson charges for suspect

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CRIME Two recent arsons targeting a downtown office building have now been charged to the same man.

Police said yesterday an investigation led them to charge Robert Patrick Gill, 31, with arson in connection to a fire at 275 Bank St. on Oct. 1, after he had already been charged in connection to a blaze at the same address on Sept. 15.

Gill now faces two counts of arson related to the first fire and one count relating to the second blaze, as well as a dozen break-and-enter charges.

Police had initially charged Gill with arson in connection to the Sept. 15 arson after arresting him at the corner of Bank and Laurier streets on Oct. 1.

The first fire at the building caused $4 million in damages. There were no injuries in either fire.

Investigators have said there was no evidence to suggest the building was targeted because of its tenants, which include the Bangladeshi High Commission and a U.S. military procurement agency.

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Election **Fits her to a 'T'**

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United States citizen Dana Bruihns shows her T-shirt with an image of Democratic presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama after casting her vote at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires yesterday. American citizens living abroad have begun to cast their absentee votes for the Nov. 4 election.

Lavish event wasn't for us: AIG

BAILOUT After being criticized for a lavish event held just days after American International Group Inc. got an $85 billion US government rescue loan, the insurer shot back yesterday, saying the event was for independent life insurance agents, not its employees.

AIG drew fire at a congressional hearing for spending $200,000 on hotel rooms and $23,000 on spa services at an event lawmakers characterized as an executive retreat. As lawmakers grilled former top executives, Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, said: "They were getting facials, manicures and massages, while the American people were footing the bill."

But yesterday AIG said the "business event," hosted by one of its subsidiaries, was for independent life insurance agents. It said the event was planned "months before" it received the loan last month, and no AIG executives from headquarters attended.

AIG's effort to correct the record came after White House spokeswoman Dana Perino had added yesterday to the criticism.

"I understand why the American people would be outraged," she said.

U.S. President George W. Bush did not intend to benefit industry titans when he approved the bailout of AIG and a wider $700 billion Wall Street rescue package, she said.

"Rewarding failure is something we have a very hard time swallowing," Perino added. REUTERS

City hall shakeup

Shuffle sees top staffers axed

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A major reshuffle at city hall led to three senior managers losing their jobs yesterday.

In an effort to streamline Ottawa's large bureaucracy, council emerged from a marathon in-camera meeting yesterday to announce two top city managers' jobs had been cut and a third will be eliminated at year's end.

Richard Hewitt, deputy city manager for public works, and Stephen Finnamore, the executive in charge of business transformation, were let go effective immediately, while city clerk Pierre Page will opt for early retirement at the end of the year. City solicitor Rick O'Connor will assume his duties.

"The fewer people you have in the communications link ... the better the service will be to the citizens of Ottawa." Mayor Larry O'Brien

The firings are part of Ottawa's quest to find $100 million in savings over the next two years. Shedding the jobs saves more than $500,000 in salaries and taxable benefits, although it was unclear last night if there will be salary hikes to staffers assuming their duties that might eat into those savings.

"These recommendations in no way have any relation to performance issues," city manager Kent Kirkpatrick said. "These recommendations are … my judgment on how best to align this organization … to be certain that we are achieving the outcome that council has set."

Public works and business transformation will be split between the two remaining deputy city managers.

Nancy Schepers, formerly responsible for planning, transit and environment, will take on infrastructure and community sustainability, adding water and waste services to her duties.

Steve Kanellakos, formerly responsible for community and protective services, will oversee city operations, which adds traffic, parking and business transformation to his portfolio.

"It will increase the efficiency of the organization, enhance the communications, which is the key item in terms of customer service," said Mayor Larry O'Brien, who says 400 jobs must be cut in the next budget. "The fewer people you have in the communications link … the better the service will be to the citizens of Ottawa."

This marks the largest organizational shakeup within the city bureaucracy since amalgamation.

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Making wishes come true with fundraiser parade

On Saturday, Oct. 18, Cinderella and Prince Charming will join hundreds of children and families on the streets of Gatineau and Ottawa for the WishMaker Parade, a fundraiser in support of the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, National Capital Chapter. SOURCE: CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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Women turned away

A new report by the Community Foundation of Ottawa indicates more than 5,000 women who requested to stay at a shelter in the last year were turned away. Crisis counsellors say the numbers suggest the lack of space forces many women to continue to live at home in fear of their abusive partners. SOURCE: CTVOTTAWA.CA

Mayfair now heritage site

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A Depression-era theatre in Old Ottawa South gained heritage status yesterday, barring an appeal by the owners.

Council approved heritage building designation for the Mayfair Theatre on Bank Street, but John Calvert, of the Ottawa South Historical Society, said it's not yet a done deal because the owners have 30 days to appeal the decision to the province's Conservation Review Board.

However, if an appeal does not happen or if it fails, the theatre would then essentially remain as it has been since it opened in the 1930's — even if it no longer shows movies.

"Property developers are up and down the Bank Street strip looking for something they can develop and put a large building on, but now there is a legal statement saying that whatever does happen they have to protect those features identified," said Calvert.

Several councillors opposed the designation, noting that the theatre's owner did not want it and that the municipality should not force it upon them.

Barrhaven councillor Jan Harder said most people her age had visited the Mayfair, but there's no business case to keep it as a theatre.

If the theatre was proposed today, councillor Gord Hunter (Knoxdale-Merivale) said that it would not be approved.

"What would happen today if someone came in and said I want to put in a theatre, it's about three storeys high, it's going to be solid brick and with a façade like that, and it's going to go into your neighborhood?" he asked.

"Would (residents) be embracing this? No, they wouldn't. They'd be saying what a horrible aberration of architectural design it is."

But Clive Doucet (Capital ward) said companies like Pharmasave, located next door, have designed their building to match the Mayfair aesthetics.

"It's unfortunately hit a low in its operating life. I'm sure it's going to come back. But for it to come back it needs a breath of life from the city of Ottawa," said Doucet.

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A pedestrian walks by the Mayfair Theatre on Bank Street, which received a heritage designation from the city yesterday.

Ton of turkey makes shelter meal a 'go'

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When the Ottawa Mission asked for help, some donors stepped forward to talk turkey.

Thanks to a recent donation of 80 frozen turkeys, the shelter now not only has enough for Monday's community Thanksgiving dinner, but staff will also be able to sock away some of the giant birds for Christmas dinner, and for hampers going to needy families.

"People are very generous this year. Amazingly generous. The community has certainly pulled together. The mayor donated all of the potatoes and the vegetables have been taken care of."
Ric Watson, food services manager

"This is a good thing because we're thinking about Christmas as well. The donations will go to good use for sure," said manager of food services Ric Watson.

The turkeys were donated by Ottawa's Resolve Corporation and followed on the heels of the shelter's recent plea for donations.

"People are very generous this year," said Watson. "Amazingly generous. The community has certainly pulled together. The mayor donated all of the potatoes and the vegetables have been taken care of."

Kitchen staff and volunteers have been working for the past week and a half on Thanksgiving dinner — deboning, slicing and freezing the turkeys — in preparation for serving more than 2,500 meals on the holiday Monday.

In addition to almost a ton of turkey, the Mission will serve 15 pans of stuffing, 600 pounds of baked ham, 400 pounds of mashed potatoes, 350 pounds of carrots, 350 pounds of broccoli, 225 apple pies, 200 dozen dinner rolls and 50 gallons of gravy to shelter residents, the homeless, working poor and people who would otherwise spend the holiday alone.

The dinner will have two sittings between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Despite the number of donations that have come in, Watson still urges people to continue.

"We're feeding 1,100 people a day, so we still need donations all the time."

And, he added, "we're still a little shy on pies."

Dippers determined to nab Gatineau

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New Democratic candidate in Gatineau Françoise Boivin and NDP Deputy Leader Thomas Mulcair said yesterday they are confident the city will be part of the party's anticipated Quebec breakthrough in the Oct. 14 federal election.

The New Democrats seem set on making Gatineau part of its anticipated Quebec breakthrough in the Oct. 14 federal election.

The attention lavished on the riding — from multiple visits by Jack Layton after he launched his campaign there, to yesterday's appearance by the NDP's lone Quebec MP Thomas Mulcair — indicates the party thinks it can wrest the riding from the separatist Bloc Quebecois as part of its "recognizable goal" of winning eight to 12 ridings in Quebec.

Mulcair, who shocked political observers when he won Outremont riding from the Liberals in a 2007 by-election, sees similarities between his Montreal-area constituency and Gatineau.

"Your numbers are almost identical to mine," he told Françoise Boivin, the former Liberal-turned-NDP candidate for Gatineau.

Mulcair said he and Layton have made appearances in Gatineau because they believe Boivin stands a real chance of winning.

Mulcair said Layton had asked him to build a team of strong candidates.

"We went after people like Françoise Boivin because she is going to win seats," he said. "That's what this is about."

Boivin said Gatineau is a "more social democratic riding" with young working families who put issues like healthcare on the top of their priority lists.

"We need doctors in Gatineau, and it's more urgent than anywhere else in Quebec."

The NDP's platform is heavy on promises to improve healthcare, and train more doctors.

"People want change," said Boivin. "We're a people-oriented party. With the economy taking a turn, they need a party with people at the centre."

Support is coming from all walks of life, said Boivin.

"We seem to draw from every sector in the region," said Boivin. "It used to be easy because you would look at the map and say, 'this part is Liberal,' but this time, my team is having great difficulty because we have to go everywhere.

"It's very, very encouraging," she said.

Charities likely to feel losses in gifts of stock

CAMPAIGNS Capital charitable campaigns may well be hit by the current economic turmoil, foundations in Ottawa-Gatineau fear.

The Monfort, Ottawa Hospital, CHEO and the Queensway-Carleton Hospital are all doing expansion fundraising campaigns. Each relies heavily on major donors and many of those give gifts of stocks.

"The favourite form of giving for our donors is appreciated stock," says Barbara McInnis, CEO of the Community Foundation of Ottawa. "It is very difficult to find appreciated stock these days." CTVOTTAWA.CA

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Is tackling Conservatives punishing city Greens?

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An organized push to vote strategically may not be hurting the intended victim, the Conservatives, so much as it is harming the Green party, a city candidate suggested yesterday

"So-called strategic voting — voting not for the best candidates, but for a party most likely to keep another one out — may be well intentioned, but it's often based on faulty logic," said Jen Hunter, the Greens' candidate in Ottawa Centre.

Hunter expressed concern yesterday over a recent campaign that is instructing environmentally minded residents to vote for the candidates most likely to edge out Conservatives in their riding.

Avaaz.ca is urging voters, regardless of their political stripe, to vote for a certain candidate only on the basis that it might block a Tory.

For example, in Ottawa, the group wants all Green and NDP voters in Ottawa West-Nepean to throw their support to Liberal David Pratt only because it might block Environment Minister John Baird's re-election.

But that has consequences for the Greens as a party, said Hunter.

"All four candidates are telling people what we stand for and people should choose to vote for something they stand for and not be bullied into something else."
Jen Hunter, Ottawa Centre candidate

Besides costing them a chance at winning a seat, Hunter said the scheme will demoralize the local Greens support base and volunteers and cost the party money.

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That's because political parties earn $1.83 in federal funding for every vote they get.

If Green supporters strategically vote for another party to block a Tory, the federal funds will go to that party the voter does not truly support instead.

Also, local campaigns that win at least 10 per cent of the vote get 60 per cent of their campaign expenses reimbursed by Elections Canada.

Strategic voting can hurt the Green party at a time "when voters are finally recognizing us as a mainstream political force that offers sensible policies for Canada's future," said Hunter.

"All four candidates are telling people what we stand for and people should choose to vote for something they stand for and not be bullied into something else," she said.

OC Transpo facing legal action over weekend incident

The Ottawa mother at the centre of a stroller dispute is pursuing legal action against OC Transpo, a move that may force transit to deal with the growing number of strollers on buses.

The issue erupted when Sarah Pacey was refused access to a bus Saturday because another stroller had already got on. So, too, did Pacey's two-year-old daughter, who ended up alone on the bus when it left, with her hysterical mother running behind.

OC Transpo officials say they're working on addressing the issue.

"We're trying to deal with coming up with new policy and look at different ways to accommodate a broader part of the community," says Alain Mercier, head of OC Transpo. CTVOTTAWA.CA

Condo market still strong as housing starts dwindle

HOUSING Ottawa's new housing starts dropped off last month, despite a continuing strong condominium market.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. yesterday reported a nearly six per cent decrease in new starts in Ottawa as single-family and townhouse construction declined to 586 units.

Ottawa's 5,151 housing starts is still 11.6 per cent higher so far this year contrasted with the same time last year, however.

Construction of new condominium apartments remained brisk, rising from 52 new units last year to 134 new units in September this year.

Single-family housing starts fell 30 per cent to 224 units while townhouse units dropped 5.9 per cent to 206 units.

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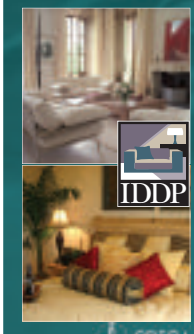

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A Canadian soldier is in serious but stable condition after being shot by insurgents about 30 kilometres west of Kandahar City, Afghanistan, on Tuesday. The military has not released the soldier's identity. CBC NEWS ONLINE

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Reprieve for Rambo

Rambo, left, has been given a reprieve from canine death row. A plan to transfer the dog from an animal shelter in Mississauga, Ont., to a farm in Nova Scotia was approved by an Ontario court yesterday. Rambo was born after a province-wide ban on new pit bulls took effect on Aug. 29, 2005.

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No new taxes: McGuinty

No matter how bad the economy gets, Premier Dalton McGuinty is promising that taxes won't go up.

McGuinty said yesterday that the "worst thing that you can do in times of an economic slowdown" would be to raise taxes.

"Instead of looking for ways to further slow down the economy you've got to look for ways to accelerate growth," the premier said.

> **"You've got to look for ways to accelerate growth."**
> Dalton McGuinty

McGuinty admitted things are far bleaker than when he took power in 2003 and discovered a hidden $5.6 billion deficit that forced him to foist the health tax on Ontarians.

"The difference between this … and that is there was more certainty associated with the solutions," he said, prior to a special debate on the sputtering economy in the Legislature.

"This, there's more uncertainty in terms of the impact and there are clear limitations of what we can do here to control what's happening."

And raising taxes, which the Liberals did in their first budget in 2004, despite an election pledge not to do so, isn't on the agenda.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has already indicated that the government is prepared to go into deficit when he releases his fall economic statement on Oct. 22.

But Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory noted that McGuinty has burned Ontario voters before so they should watch their wallets.

"This is the man who got elected to office the first time promising not to raise taxes," said Tory.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Atwood **Culture is seamless**

SAUL PORTO/TOP NEWS

Author Margaret Atwood takes a break to read Metro at a party this week to launch her latest book, Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth. The book hit stores this week in the midst of a global market meltdown, and an election campaign in which Atwood took shots at Prime Minster Stephen Harper's comments that "ordinary people" don't care about "the arts." As Atwood told Metro: "Culture is seamless. It flows from so-called high to so-called low and back again."

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Large percentage of meat was tainted, report says

LISTERIOSIS Two-thirds of Maple Leaf meat samples collected from Toronto hospitals and nursing homes tested positive for a virulent strain of listeria just before the country's largest food recall, according to confidential data obtained by Torstar News Service and the CBC.

The samples were collected by Toronto Public Health inspectors on orders from the provincial Ministry of Health and the CFIA as part of their investigation into the outbreak.

"There shouldn't be any positives," says Rick Holley, a food safety expert at the University of Manitoba.

Linda Smith, a spokesperson for Maple Leaf, said the company took action when informed of the results.

"When we looked at that we felt it was important to do more and that's why we closed the plant and recalled 191 products."

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News in brief

VANCOUVER The Pivot Legal Society said yesterday that Canada's auditor general needs to examine whether the RCMP overstepped its mandate by funding critiques of Insite, Vancouver's supervised injection site.

REFUGEE A Syrian refugee who has spent the last seven years behind bars on a Canadian security certificate would not pose a significant threat if released under supervision, a renowned security advisor told a federal court yesterday. Tom Quiggin, a Canadian expert on jihadists and other radicals, told Federal Court Justice Richard Mosley that he would personally feel "no more or less safe" if suspected jihadist icon Hassan Almrei were released.

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Tories aim to heal doctor shortage

Stephen Harper pledged a $5-million fund to draw Canadian doctors practising outside the country to return to Canada, CBC News Online reports. Harper said the Conservatives would also begin a pilot project with the provinces to find ways to recruit and retain nurses. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Election 2008

Race has turned upside down

With 5 days to go in campaign, this election is going down to the wire

On the **Hustings**

Andrew Cohen

Election insight and analysis

Just when you were sure the Conservatives would win this election and the only question was by how much, strange and wondrous things begin to happen.

Support for the Conservatives has been dissolving like a soft summer mist. The party that began the campaign with 38 to 40 per cent of support has now fallen to 31 to 34 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Liberals have rebounded, though not as dramatically as the Conservatives have fallen. The Liberals are now polling at 26 to 31 per cent.

While the conventional wisdom was always that Stephen Harper would be re-elected, that's no longer certain. And while the conventional wisdom was that Stéphane Dion was finished, that isn't certain, either.

In other words, all bets are off. With five days to go, this is suddenly, remarkably, a horse race.

For weeks the biggest doubt was whether the Conservatives would win a majority. How big? Would it come from Ontario or Quebec?

If the election were held today, it is safe to say they wouldn't win most of the 308 seats in the House of Commons. Sure, it is mathematically possible that they could pull this off with 32 per cent of the vote in a divided, five-party race with crazy splits. But it would be unprecedented.

We have seen a majority with 37 per cent of the popular vote — Bob Rae's New Democrats did it in Ontario in 1990 — but with 32, 33 or 34 per cent? Unfathomable.

(It goes the other way, too. In 1925, Canada had a minority government even though the Conservatives won 47 per cent of the vote.)

While a Conservative majority was Harper's fond hope, he had reason to believe it was possible when the campaign began. The Conservatives never imagined sweeping Quebec like John Diefenbaker in 1958 or Brian Mulroney in 1984, but they did think winning another 10 or 15 seats there was realistic.

That, and modest gains in rural Ontario, would get them to 155 seats. That was the hope.

But even before the credit crisis, that was slipping away. The Bloc Québécois has brilliantly exploited doubts about Harper — on state support for culture, juvenile crime and the war in Afghanistan — and thwarted a Tory triumph in Quebec.

Meanwhile, the Liberals are holding their traditional vote in Montreal, where the New Democrats had hoped for a breakthrough.

At the same time, the Liberals appear to have retaken the lead in vote-rich Ontario, their support rising in the province's southwest.

But does all this mean the Liberals can actually win this thing on Tuesday? Yes, but only if Liberal voters who defected to the Greens and the New Democrats come home. This time, their motive wouldn't be stopping a Conservative majority, as it was in 2006, but of delivering something unthinkable a week ago: A minority Liberal government.

Realistically, it's still unlikely. But in a political and economic world turned upside down, it could happen.

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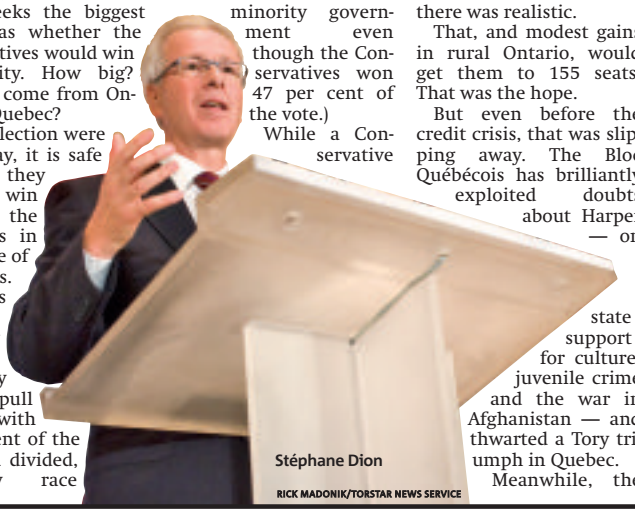

Stéphane Dion

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Liberals

Tory ads an ironic twist for Dion

TURNAROUND Stéphane Dion — his image battered by months of harsh Conservative advertising — says he misjudged how effective negative advertising can be in an election campaign.

But in an ironic twist, the Liberal leader now says the millions of dollars of Conservative advertising is partly responsible for his surprise late-campaign surge. When Canadians tuned into the two leaders' debates last week, they found the Opposition leader wasn't the politician so often portrayed as bumbling and indecisive on the airwaves by the Conservatives, he said yesterday.

"Never has an individual been the target of millions of dollars of attack ads as I have been — and the Green Shift as a policy," Dion told the Toronto Star's editorial board.

"It may be why these debates have been a golden opportunity for me to show who is Stéphane Dion and why he has nothing to do with this caricature, this false individual that we have seen again and again on TV and on radio," he said yesterday.

Asked to reflect on his bounce in the campaign as Conservatives see their poll numbers drop, Dion traced the turnaround to last week's televised debates, saying it was a prime opportunity to speak directly to Canadians.

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5 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

News in brief

POLL Peter MacKay is far ahead of Green Leader Elizabeth May in the Central Nova riding, according to a Metro Halifax/CTV poll. "At this point, just a few days from the election, it certainly looks positive for Peter MacKay," said Craig Wight, vice-president of research for Bristol Omnifacts Research, which conducted the poll. MacKay has 39 per cent support. The battle for second is tight, with May at 22 per cent and New Democratic Party candidate Louise Lorefice at 19. With a five per cent margin of error, that's not much.

METRO CANADA

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks at a rally in a Victoria hotel yesterday.

Always listen to your mother

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, under fire for being too detached from the economic fears of ordinary Canadians, invoked his mother and resorted to a homey analogy to convey he is on top of the roller-coaster ride of the stock markets.

For the third time publicly in two days, and in subsequent one-on-one interviews, Harper said his mother is worried about her savings, and he understands her concerns, which he used to push his "steady-hand-on-the-wheel" message.

"And believe me, I get quicker updates from her on the stock market than I do from the Department of Finance."
Stephen Harper

"We're getting this criticism that I somehow don't understand the stock market or I don't understand what people are feeling about the stock market," Harper said, leaning in on a podium in a casual manner in Victoria.

"I use my mother as an obvious example because, you know, she's the person closest to me who's most worried about the stock market these days. And believe me, I get quicker updates from her on the stock market than I do from the Department of Finance."

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Election 2008

Polls diverge on fortunes of Tories

A new poll released yesterday showed the Conservative lead in the Canadian election campaign continuing to shrink while another covering a similar period showed it widening again.

A Harris-Decima/Canadian Press survey put the Conservatives at 31 per cent, unchanged from their survey the day before, but the Liberals up one point at 27 per cent. It had the NDP at 20 per cent.

An Ekos automated telephone poll released on Tuesday night, however, had the Conservative lead growing again to nine percentage points from the seven that Ekos had reported a day earlier.

Ekos showed the Conservatives at 34 per cent, the Liberals at 25 per cent and the NDP at 20 percent, and said voters seemed neither to want to give Prime Minister Stephen Harper a majority in Parliament nor to elect Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion.

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NDP

BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO CANADA

Jack Layton in Edmonton yesterday.

Banks show their greed, Layton says

RATES Canada's big banks lived up to their greedy reputation by not matching the Bank of Canada's cut to short-term interest rates, NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday in Thompson, Man.

"I think it is an example of the kind of greed and attention to their own bottom line rather than to the need of the broader economy," Layton said, referring to the fact the Big Five banks only cut half of what the Bank of Canada wanted.

"I think the CEOs of the banks have some explaining to do." Jack Layton

Not matching the central bank's half-point cut lessens the effect of policy levers it can use to lower loan costs for all.

For most of the election campaign Layton has attacked banks, oil and other big firms, accusing them of ripping off consumers.

"What I am suggesting is profound disappointment that the banks would not have passed on (in full what's) ... designed to be public policy measure. It's being implemented by many countries to try to get us out of this economic situation," he said.

"I think the CEOs of the banks have some explaining to do," said Layton. He entered the Thompson rally to the strains of The Gambler to underscore his theme that Conservative and Liberal leaders want to gamble with Canadians' way of life.

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Breaking the merchandise is a good thing at San Francisco 'smash shack'

At Sarah's Smash Shack, pent-up patrons can relieve stress by hurling dinnerware and bric-a-brac against a wall as hard as they can, day and night, seven days a week. San Diego entrepreneur Sarah Lavely charges her clients $10 and up to pulverize plates and glasses during 15-minute intervals. REUTERS

World/Business

Strikes killed 33 civilians: U.S.

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. military said yesterday that 33 Afghan civilians died during August air strikes on a village in western Afghanistan.

A new military inquiry into the Aug. 22 attack on the village of Azizabad also lowered the U.S. estimate for the number of militants believed to have died to 22, from 30 to 35.

The U.S. first reported only five to seven civilian deaths in the attack. That opened a rift with the Afghan government and the United Nations, which both said more than 90 civilians had been killed. REUTERS

News in brief

PENTAGON U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates called on southeastern Europe yesterday, including NATO hopefuls, to send more troops to Afghanistan. The Pentagon chief has repeatedly asked NATO members and others to send aid to the war zone. Still, NATO commanders say they need about 10,000 to 12,000 more troops. REUTERS

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Ukraine calls early election

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko yesterday abandoned the search for a coalition to take over from the current government, dissolved parliament and called an early election.

Yushchenko blamed Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, his estranged ally from the "Orange Revolution," for the collapse of a coalition born from the pro-Western upheaval which swept him to power.

Viktor Yushchenko

Yushchenko twice named Tymoshenko prime minister, but has been at odds with her almost since his election, and charged that her "thirst for power" ruined the coalition.

"I hereby declare the activities of ... parliament to be suspended and call an early parliamentary election," he said in a television address.

The constitution provides for an election to take place no more than 60 days after dissolution — making Dec. 7 a possible date. REUTERS

Cuba Guevara's capture

ENRIQUE DE LA OSA / REUTERS

Men carry an image of the late guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara at a primary school in Havana yesterday. Guevara was captured in Bolivia 41 years ago.

Georgia wants further pullback

TROOPS Russia pulled back its troops yesterday from Georgian territory, but Georgia demanded it take further steps.

Russia said troops had removed all six of their checkpoints in the buffer zone around South Ossetia, ahead of the Friday deadline stipulated by a French-brokered ceasefire. But Georgia said troops still had to quit two enclaves in South Ossetia and Abkhazia by Oct. 10. REUTERS

Business

Central banks make historic joint rate cut

Central banks around the world cut interest rates yesterday in their first broadly co-ordinated policy action in history, in an attempt to stem the global financial crisis.

The central banks of the United States, the euro zone, Britain, Switzerland, Canada and Sweden all lowered official rates by a half-percentage point — with the Bank of Canada cutting its key interest rate to 2.5 per cent.

"The recent intensification of the financial crisis has augmented the downside risks to growth and thus has diminished further the upside risks to price stability," the banks said in a joint statement. REUTERS

Canadian banks

TD Bank will lower its prime lending rate by 25 basis points to 4.50 per cent, half of the Bank of Canada's rate cut. CIBC, RBC, Scotiabank said they would follow suit.

Business in brief

SMARTPHONE RIM will debut the BlackBerry Storm, its clickable, touch-screen device geared towards young consumers, in Canada later this year through Bell and Telus. Pricing is yet not available.

RETAIL Despite economic uncertainty, consumers are still shopping — albeit more carefully. The industry hopes strong employment and income growth will bolster holiday sales. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Suspect indicted in murder of Broncos' Williams
A Denver grand jury returned a 39-count indictment yesterday charging Willie D. Clark in the murder of former Denver Broncos cornerback Darrent Williams and the attempted murder of two others. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Cubs exercise Harden's option

The Chicago Cubs exercised the 2009 option for pitcher Rich Harden, left, yesterday. Victoria's Harden, 26, was acquired from the Oakland Athletics on July 8 along with pitcher Chad Gaudin, for four players. After coming to Chicago, Harden went 5-1 with a 1.77 earned-run average and limited hitters to a .149 average after the All-Star break, which led all starters in the majors.

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Dodgers, Phillies set to face off in NLCS

The Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies will battle for the right to represent the National League at the World Series when the best-of-seven NLCS gets underway on tonight at Citizens Bank Park.

Los Angeles is back in the NLCS for the eighth time in team history, but this is its first time back since its classic seven-game win over the New York Mets en route to its last world championship in 1988.

Philadelphia, meanwhile, is in this round for the seventh time, but will be making its first trip since 1993 when it topped Atlanta in six games.

These teams are also no stranger to one another in the postseason, having met on three other occasions. However, they have not met up in the playoffs since the Phils defeated the Dodgers, 3-1, to advance to the 1983 World Series.

Los Angeles, though, defeated the Phils the first two times these teams squared off in NLCS play.

LINEUP

If the Phillies are clicking on all cylinders there are few lineups, if any, that can produce the kind of runs they can.

Unfortunately, though, the big bats of Ryan Howard and Chase Utley seem to have gone silent for the second consecutive postseason.

After going 2-for-11 in last year's sweep at the hands of the Rockies, Utley managed just two hits in 15 at-bats against the Brewers, while Howard was 2- for-11.

As he has been since he arrived in Los Angeles, Ramirez was the catalyst offensively for the Dodgers in their sweep of the Cubs. The 2004 World Series MVP hit .500 in the series with a pair of home runs and three RBI.

PROGNOSIS

Philly is not going to make as many mistakes as Chicago did. Plus with a series win under their belt, they won't be as tight at the plate.

Prediction: PHILLIES in SIX

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ROB CARR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez

Sports in brief

NFL The New Orleans Saints placed kicker Martin Gramatica on injured reserve yesterday, ending his season.

NFL New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady reportedly underwent surgery on Monday to repair his injured left knee. Brady was hurt during a season-opening victory over Kansas City. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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TONIGHT'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 8:15
TOMORROW'S GAME
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 4:35

NHL

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Toronto at Detroit, 8
Boston at Colorado, 10
Calgary at Vancouver, 10:30
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30

CFL

WEEK 16
TOMORROW'S GAMES
Toronto at Winnipeg, 7:30
Edmonton at B.C., 10:30
MONDAY'S GAMES
Hamilton at Montreal, 1
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 4:30

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WEEK 6
SUNDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Atlanta, 1
Miami at Houston, 1
Detroit at Minnesota, 1
Oakland at New Orleans, 1
St. Louis at Washington, 1
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 1
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1
Jacksonville at Denver, 4:05
Green Bay at Seattle, 4:15
Dallas at Arizona, 4:15
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4:15
New England at San Diego, 8:15
MONDAY'S GAME
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 8:30

Sports in brief

NHL Chicago Blackhawks forward Ben Eager was suspended three games without pay by the NHL yesterday.

NHL The Buffalo Sabres placed forward Paul Gaustad on injured reserve Wednesday.

NHL The Vancouver Canucks trimmed their roster to 23 players and, among other moves, assigned forwards Jason Krog and Matt Pettinger to Manitoba of the American Hockey League.

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A trial of full-body scanner security checks at Australian airports have got some passengers worried that their private parts won't be private any more, and that the revealing images may end up on the Internet. REUTERS

Tech Now

Old is new

Older users are now the largest and fastest growing group of people on the Internet, with 70 per cent of those over age 50 saying the Internet is "very important" in their lives.

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You are never too old for the Net

Using technology is no longer just a young person's game. In fact, several studies have shown older users get more out of the Internet by using it in more ways than teens and 20-somethings do. And since the biggest consumer group with money is the Baby Boomers, that generation has become the focus of a growing online effort to reach them.

HP Canada just released a survey on how the different age groups in the business world all view technology. The age groups are: Gen Y (under 30); Gen X (age 30 to 42); Baby Boomers (42 to 61); and Veterans (older than 62). HP was trying to understand how the various groups view technology and are motivated to make purchases.

Professor Linda Duxbury, at Carleton University Business School, tells me the survey brings up some key issues. The big one is that older people — that is, the Boomers and the Veterans — control 77 per cent of all companies and their view of tech is quite different from the people they need to hire, i.e., Gen Y and X.

This conflict of generations is not new, she says, but it could really hurt employers who don't know what their employees want to use in technology, at a time when firms are competing for a shrinking talent pool.

Here are some interesting nuggets illustrating the difference between the ages, pulled from the survey:

• When it comes to learning how to use technology, 46 per cent of Gen Y are most likely to "just try to figure it out themselves." On the other hand, Veterans prefer to read a manual or talk to other people.

• 84 per cent of Boomers prefer desktop computers, but 55 per cent of Gen Y prefer laptops.

• 32 per cent of Gen Y say that mobile technology is a priority in spending plans while 18 per cent of Gen X, 10 per cent of Boomers and only eight per cent of Veterans give priority to mobile.

• 39 per cent of Gen X use the Internet to find online marketing tools to help them, versus 25 per cent of Veterans.

There are some commonly held views on tech that span the ages, however. Ninety-four per cent of respondents said speed of technology is an important factor. However, younger people are clearly more concerned about energy use and the environment than older users.

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

mixmatchmusic.com. This site launched a month ago and offers musicians and non-musicians a chance to swap song material.

• This Sunday one of the stories on Tech Now visits the United Arab Emirates, which is spending $15 billion to be the world's "green" capital.

Young and older now embrace technology, a survey suggests.

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Kitchen of the future

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Strategies for clearing the air

HomeScape

If you vacuum frequently, dust diligently and get rid of mould and damp conditions in your sealed-and-winterized home, then you'll breathe far more easily. But don't relax just yet — you're well on your way to improving the air in your home, but you're not finished.

Consider other sources of indoor air pollution such as furnaces and gas stoves, which give off carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and other gases.

Cleaners and personal care products can emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs). And products made from plywood or particle board may give off formaldehyde.

It's a gas

• For harmful gases like carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide that are the result of combustion, you need to ensure that appliances such as the furnace, stove, gas fireplaces and water heater are properly maintained. They should be inspected by a qualified professional every year.

Since carbon monoxide is both dangerous and odourless, get a carbon monoxide detector and place it where you can hear the alarm.

• Another gas that can build up indoors is nitrogen dioxide, which can irritate the lungs. It's main source in the home is gas stoves — if you have a gas stove, make sure it has an efficient exhaust fan that is vented to the outside.

• Combustion gases can also enter the home from garages, so never let cars or any other fuel-burning appliance — such as a snow blower or lawnmower — run in a garage. Moreover, keep the door between the garage and house closed at all times.

Source of irritation

VOCs and formaldehyde emanate from lots of products that are made of plywood or particle board.

Such items can include kitchen cabinetry, oil-based varnishes, furniture and panelling, paints and glues as well as many wall-to-wall carpeting products.

These sharp-smelling gases can irritate the eyes, nose and throat, and low concentrations over the long term may be linked to respiratory symptoms and allergic sensitivity, especially in children.

Of course, off-gassing is strongest when these home products are new, and lessens over time.

So ventilate during renovation work, then give the house a day or a weekend to air out before you and your family settle into it again. Over the long term, you can limit your exposure by reducing or eliminating the number of VOC- or formaldehyde-emitting products in your home.

Getting personal

Finally, take it easy on scented personal care, cleaning or laundry products, because they can also emit VOCs. Just because something smells nice doesn't mean it's a good thing for you to breathe in.

Coming back to haunt you

Other types of airborne dust that you can inhale may be hazardous as well, including lead from pre-1960s paints and asbestos from pre-1970s roofing and flooring products.

But these generally aren't problems unless they're disturbed or they chip off or disintegrate from age. Invest in testing if you have doubts. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation site, *cmhc-schl.gc.ca* provides more information.

Radioactive

Also consider testing for radon, particularly in spaces that are not well ventilated. Radon is a natural radioactive gas from soil and rock that commonly enters the house through the foundation and crawl spaces. Exposure increases the risk of developing lung cancer.

For further details, visit the Health Canada site at *hc-sc.gc.ca* and search for "radon."

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Holiday decorating
Garnishes like cranberries, pine cones or holly on the outside of your plates give an unexpected festive punch and can complement the colours of your meal. NEWS CANADA

Food

"Cardamom is a warm, sweet spice widely used in Scandinavian and East Indian cooking."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

A spicy twist

Cardamom pods tend to be used with savoury dishes; ground cardamom is wonderful with pears and apples and offers a different taste from the more traditional cinnamon and nutmeg.

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Give thanks for dessert

À la carte

Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

Thanksgiving is all about getting together with family and friends, giving thanks and enjoying the bountiful harvest. Sharing is a better word than delegating, and dividing up the meal preparation makes lighter work for all.

Here is a delicious harvest fruit pie that is a break from the traditional pumpkin pie (or in addition!). If it's your turn to bring dessert, make this early in the day and heat just before serving in an oven that's turned off but still warm.

Like many holiday meals, a delicious, warm home-baked pie is the perfect finish to Thanksgiving.

Rustic Apple, Pear and Cranberry Pie

Using puff pastry saves the step of making pastry, just remember to transfer puff pastry from freezer to fridge the day before. If you prefer, you can also use regular pastry in a similar fashion. Makes 8 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pkg or 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 3 medium apples, such as McIntosh
- 3 ripe but firm pears, such as Bartlett
- 1 cup (250 mL) fresh cranberries
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cold butter, cut into pieces
- 1 egg, beaten with 1 tsp (5 mL) water or milk
- Coarse sugar, about 1 tbsp (15 mL)
- Whipping cream

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Combine flour, brown sugar and cardamom in large bowl. Peel and core apples, cut into wedges 1/4-inch (1 cm) thick. Similarly peel pears, cutting wedges a little thicker. Add to flour mixture, along with cranberries. Toss gently to coat evenly with dry mixture.

On lightly floured surface, roll chilled puff pastry into a 13 x 13-inch (32.5 cm) square, about 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick. Carefully transfer to parchment paper lined pizza pan or other shallow baking pan with a rim. Arrange fruit mixture in centre, leaving a 2-inch (10 cm) edge (you can trim off corners for a neater look). Fold edge over filling. Dot filling with butter pieces. Brush pastry with egg wash, then sprinkle with coarse sugar for a golden crust. Bake 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 375°F (190°C) and continue baking until pastry is golden brown and crisp and fruit is tender, 30 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with lightly whipped sweetened cream.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

This recipe has a prep time of 15 minutes, a cooking time of three minutes and a refrigeration time of 30 minutes. Makes 20 balls.

Chewy, nutty power balls

Instead of a taking store-bought energy bars on your next hike — try these. They taste great, transport beautifully without crumbling and are a lot less expensive when you make them yourself.

more info

- Per serving: 144.1 calories, 3.9 g protein, 19.7 g carbohydrates, 2 g dietary fibre, 51.7 mg sodium, 6.6 g total fat.
- Visit the website of the Peanut Bureau of Canada for more recipes: peanutbureau.ca/canada.

Peanut Power Balls

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granola
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped peanuts
- ¼ cup (50 mL) each dried cranberries and raisins
- ¼ cup (50 mL) wheat germ or ground flax
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each pumpkin seeds and shredded coconut
- ½ cup (125 mL) honey
- ½ cup (125 mL) peanut butter

METHOD:

In a large bowl, stir granola with peanuts, cranberries, raisins, wheat germ, pumpkin seeds and coconut. In a small saucepan bring honey to boil. Boil vigorously for approximately 30 seconds then whisk in peanut butter. Add to granola mixture and stir to combine.

While mixture is warm, firmly form into 1½-inch (3.5 cm) balls. Refrigerate until firm. Store in an airtight container up to 2 weeks. Twist balls in waxed paper for perfect portability.

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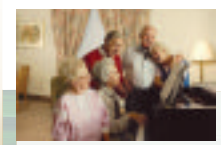

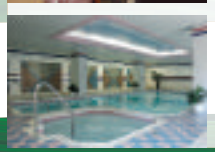

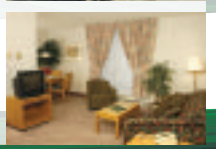

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J.C. Penney to carry Charlotte Ronson line
Mid-tier retailer J.C. Penney Co Inc is pairing with trendy designer Charlotte Ronson to sell an exclusive sportswear line as it tries to boost market share. The I (Heart) Ronson collection targets 21- to 35-year-old women. REUTERS

Style

"Love for Life" bracelets

Aldo has partnered with YouthAIDS to create limited edition "Love for Life" bracelets with 100 per cent of the net proceeds benefiting HIV prevention efforts in Rwanda. This includes the work of the Rebero Orphan Centre which cares for victims and orphans of the Rwandan Genocide. The bracelets will be available in three styles: silver and gold tone cuffs for women and a rubber wristband version for men. Available at Aldo, Aldo Accessories and online at *aldoshoes.com* for $5. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Hats off to embellishment

Style File

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ask kim

Are there any brands that specialize in boots for women with skinny calves? Most boots I try on are huge around the calf.

Try Michael Kors and Geox boots. If those brands aren't available near you, shop online at *zappos.com* — they have a specialty section for people with narrow calves.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

Schoolboy
Designer: Deluxe
Shop: Lip Lounge
theliplounge.com
$22

Cloche
Designer: n/a
Shop: Front & Co.
frontandcompany.ca

Fedora
Designer: Honey Love Designs
Shop: Room 430 Boutique
honeylovecouture.com

Magazine Tote
Designer: American Eagle
Shop: American Eagle
Address: Various Locations
ae.com

Waist Pack
Designer: Roots
Shop: Roots
Address: Various Locations
roots.com

Tie Up
Designer: m0851
Shop: m0851
m0851.com

hats

Classic cut hats embellished with feathers, belts and contrasting fabrics are what to look out for this season. The cloche was a popular item last year and it looks like it's here to stay. Look for a cloche with a brim that is longer in the front and shorter in the back. The stingy brim fedora by Honey Love Designs is a favourite of mine; the feathers add elegance and style. A hat you will find everywhere is the schoolboy cap, it's casual and looks good on almost anyone.

accessory

Support the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation by buying Mavi's "Dress in Good Conscience" T-shirt. Minimum donation is $25, available at Mavi.

bags

Sometimes all you need is a simple bag to carry for a specific item. The magazine tote by American Eagle can hold your magazines, novels and sketch books, perfect for transit travelling or study dates. The waist pack by Roots is my favourite; fill it up with treats and little baggies for when you're out walking your dog.

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Mirren joins the Tempest

Oscar-winning actress Helen Mirren has signed up to star in a big-screen adaptation of Shakespeare's The Tempest, according to reports. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

A-list actor

Actor Steve Carell has officially made it onto the Hollywood A-list — he has signed a multi-million dollar three-movie deal with studio Warner Bros.

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Oasis dig out, Dylan brilliant

Oasis

Album: Dig Out Your Soul
Label: Big Brother/Warner
Rating: ●●●

TO EXPECT this Britpop act to regain its mid-'90s peak might be asking for the moon. But this seventh album stands as the first time in a while that the Brothers Gallagher et al actually sound like they care about what they commit to disc. When they're on, Bag It Up, Ain't Got Nothin' and The Shock Of The Lightning swirl gloriously with louder guitars, looser 'n' brasher backbeats and singer Liam Gallagher's cocky Britpop snarl. When they're off, Oasis spiral into Beatles wannabes, riff-copping from The Doors and Pink Floyd, even rewriting the '60s hit Hi-Heel Sneakers and passing it off as (Get Off Your) High Horse Lady … so typical Oasis.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

Dig Out Your Soul, the latest album from Oasis, is now available.

Jennifer Hudson

Album: Jennifer Hudson
Label: Arista/Sony BMG
Rating: ●●●½

WHY DOES EVERY R&B artist feel compelled to pad out their album with three or four big name "friends?" So it is with Jennifer Hudson's debut album with three tracks featuring Ludacris, Fantasia and T-Pain. Hudson doesn't need their help. She's got one of the finest R&B voices since Whitney. When Ludacris steps in on the already edgy Pocketbook, you want to smack him off the microphone. And the title of Track 4, What's Wrong (Go Away) can only be about T-Pain and his evil voice distorter. Hudson's extraordinary vocal talent manages to win out over all this friendly interference and synthetic production. Tracks like Giving Myself and You Pulled Me Through are killers. And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going will pop your eyes out of their sockets.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Bob Dylan

Album: Tell Tale Signs Rare and Unreleased 1989-2006
Label: Columbia/Sony BMG
Rating: ●●●●½

A LOT OF artists have prolific careers, but how many can say that they've recorded eight albums worth of rare and unreleased material. Only one: Bob Dylan. The latest installment of the legendary folkie's "Bootleg Series" — the first was released in 1991 — covers his years from Oh Mercy to 2006's Modern Times and boy, it's a doozie. Even though these tunes are a combination of throwaways, demos, movie tracks and unreleased material, almost all of the 27 songs are brilliant. It's hard to choose what's best here, but the thumping stripped down disc opener Mississippi is a good start.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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Eleventh Hour

Science — ain't it cool? Depends on how it's used. In this new drama series, it's the job of Jacob Hood, a biophysicist who works as an adviser to the government, to fight those who would use scientific breakthroughs for bad ends. British actor Rufus Sewell ("John Adams") plays Hood, with Marley Shelton as the FBI agent assigned to watch his back. 10 PM on 13 CBS

Heavy Metal

Animators from around the world contributed to this 1981 adult anthology of sci-fi stories adapted from the popular title magazine, with enough nearly nude (if animated) females to titillate any randy male adolescent. Backing up the incoherent "narrative" is a serious musical soundtrack featuring Blue Oyster Cult, Journey, Cheap Trick, Stevie Nicks, Grand Funk Railroad, Black Sabbath, Devo and others. 9 PM on 40 BVO

Spears driving case goes to court

Spears

PEOPLE Britney Spears' driving without a licence trial will continue as scheduled, according to a ruling released Tuesday, TMZ.com reports.

The pop star's lawyer was trying to have the case put on hold or dismissed.

Fire damages Nick Nolte's home

PROBE A fire at Nick Nolte's home in Malibu, California gutted his living room Tuesday, but the actor escaped with minor injuries after trying to douse the flames with a garden hose, Reuters reports.

The Tropic Thunder star suffered smoke inhalation and minor abrasions in the fire, which was caused by an electrical problem, said Inspector Sam Padilla, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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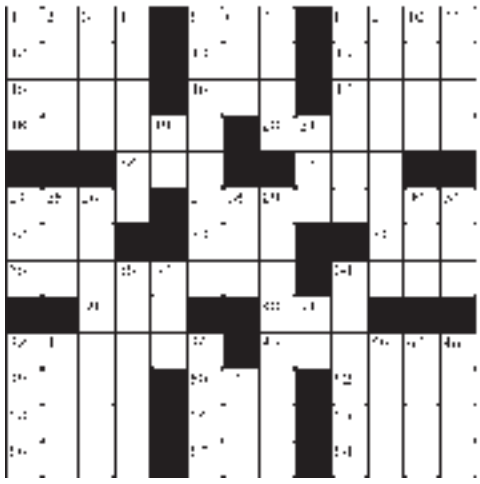

Crossword across

1 Galvanizing material
5 Recent horror film franchise
8 Invitation initials
12 Hydrox look-alike
13 Ante-
14 Duel tool
15 Ham's dad
16 Real estate ad abbr.
17 "Phooey!"
18 Clothe
20 Ordeals
22 Vast expanse
23 Crow's cousin
24 Three-piece suit feature
27 Rule out
32 Mischievous tyke
33 Kreskin's claim
34 One side of the Urals (Abbr.)
35 The "who" in a whodunit
38 Bohemian
39 A Gershwin
40 Hostel
42 Changes
45 Snacked (on)
49 Mideast strip
50 Comical sort
52 Path left behind
53 Finished
54 Hearty brew
55 Divisible by two
56 Indiana city
57 Standard
58 Take five

Crossword down

1 Region
2 Press
3 Approach
4 Kelly, to Regis
5 Butter knife, e.g.
6 Branch
7 Into the sunset
8 "Automatic" telephone feature
9 One sitting carelessly
10 Osso buco meat
11 Household members
19 Exist
21 Vitamin stat
24 Energy
25 Ostrich's kin
26 Wine + soda water
28 British verb suffix
29 Type of spaniel
30 See 47-Down
31 Ironically humorous
36 Glum
37 Listener
38 Response
41 "Fuhgeddaboudit!"
42 Enthusiastic, plus
43 Stromboli outpouring
44 Trade
46 Possess
47 With 30 Down, supplements
48 Fender bender result
51 Carte lead-in

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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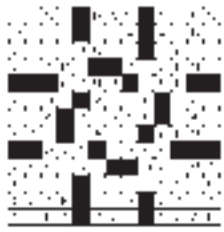
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Orange beef stir-fry with broccoli and red pepper

INGREDIENTS:
½ cup (250 mL) orange juice
2 tbsp (25 mL) reduced-sodium soy sauce
1 tbsp (15 mL) oyster-flavoured sauce
1 tbsp (15 mL) rice vinegar
1 ½ tsp (7 mL) hot red pepper sauce
1 ½ tsp (7mL) cornstarch
1 tbsp (15 mL) vegetable oil
12 oz (340 g) flank steak, trimmed, halved lengthwise and cut into ¼-in. (5-mm) strips
1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
2 tsp (10 mL) freshly grated orange zest
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup (125 mL) sliced onion
1 lb (500 g) broccoli crowns, cut into 1-in (2.5-cm) florets
1 red or yellow pepper, cut into 2-in x 1/4 –in. (5-cm x 5-mm) slivers

METHOD:
In bowl, whisk orange juice, soy sauce, oyster sauce, vinegar, red pepper sauce and cornstarch; set aside.
2. Heat 1 tsp (5 mL) oil in large skillet or wok over high heat. Add half the steak and cook until browned underneath (about 1 minute). Turn and cook again (about 30 sec). Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining steak.
3. Add remaining oil to skillet. Add ginger, orange zest and garlic. Stir-fry until fragrant. Add onion and stir fry for 1 minute. Add broccoli and pepper, then stir-fry for 30 sec. add ¼ cup (50 mL) water, cover, and cook until crisp-tender. Push vegetables to the outer edges of pan. Stir reserved sauce, pour into centre of pan and cook, stirring, until glossy and thickened. Stir vegetables into sauce, return steak to skillet, and turn to coat.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll inspire thoughts of generosity. A significant meeting occurs in an out of the way place. Others may panic, but you'll go with the flow.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A tempting bargain is offered. Read the fine print before you sign anything. Your response can make a difference.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Too much closeness may defuse an infatuation. The energy you need will magically appear. Frustration results from a careless comment.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A conversation makes you euphoric. A lost shoe appears in an odd location. A naïve guy makes something happen.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Inspirational news has you dancing for joy. A missing person is gossiped about. An unbelievable friend will succeed.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A troublemaker is being finicky about details. You'll find what you're looking for. A strong-willed person inspires you to claim your freedom.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be practical with a professional. Relief materializes after hearing some news. Don't make a stand in a tense situation.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You'll search desperately for something important. A close friend feels down in the dumps. Someone's wish can worsen a situation.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Illness cancels plans for the evening. You hear good news about a potential job. Try a different approach to a predicament.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Avoid obsessing over trivial mistakes. An intimate friend speaks the truth. Beware of overeating to get emotional comfort.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Find your dream job through an old friend. Elevate yourself beyond anxiety. Think twice about changing your appearance.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your personal magnetism is set on high. Very little progress is made on an important project. Your resilience comes to the forefront.

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This day in history

OCT. 9, 1003: Leif Erikson lands in L'Anse aux Meadows, Canada, becoming the first European to reach America.
OCT. 9, 1582: Because of the implementation of the Gregorian calendar, this day does not exist in this year in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.
OCT. 9, 1604: Supernova 1604, the most recent supernova to be observed in the Milky Way.
OCT. 9, 1824: Slavery is abolished in Costa Rica.
OCT. 9, 1967: A day after being caught, Che Guevara is executed for attempting to incite a revolution in Bolivia.
OCT. 9, 2007: The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes at an all-time high.

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Dick not laughing about renovation
Comedian Andy Dick is suing the bosses of a construction company over claims they never completed the contracted renovation of his home. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Renee bulking up for love?

HEALTH Renee Zellweger has reportedly gained 10 pounds in a bid to find a new man, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"Renee was worried her slim frame made her look gaunt, sickly and, worst of all, old. She is going to be 40 in six months and doesn't want to be single then," a source said.

Zellweger, who packed on the pounds to play Bridget Jones in the 2001 movie Bridget Jones's Diary and 2004 the sequel Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, has reportedly completely changed her diet to maintain her new curvy figure.

"Renee used to eat only fresh fruit for breakfast, but now she allows herself the odd doughnut or bagel with cream cheese," the source added to Look magazine. "Instead of working out five or six times a week, Renee isn't freaking out if she misses a session. She was so focused on maintaining a killer body that she was neglecting other aspects of her life."

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Latifah mum on sex life

SEXUALITY Rapper/actress Queen Latifah is not answering questions about her sexuality, usmagazine.com reports.

"I don't have a problem discussing the topic of somebody being gay, but I do have a problem discussing my personal life," Latifah, 38, told Sunday's New York Times magazine.

"You don't get that part of me. Sorry," she added. "We're not discussing it in our meetings ... nobody gets that. I don't feel like I need to share my personal life, and I don't care if people think I'm gay or not," she said. "Assume whatever you want. You do it anyway."

Latifah had been linked to her longtime personal trainer. Last December, she denied rumours that they were getting married.

"People will make up all sorts of things that are not true," she told the Chicago Sun-Times. "There ain't gonna be no wedding."

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celebrity brief

Winslet denies taking Westwood role

CASTING Actress Kate Winslet has denied she will portray Vivienne Westwood in an upcoming movie about the fashion designer's life, imdb.com reports.

Reports last week suggested Winslet was poised to play the punk icon in a biopic documenting the designer's rise to fame in the 1970s to the present day.

But both Winslet and Westwood's representatives insist the role remains open, claiming original reports by British Vogue were "blown completely out of proportion."

Winslet's spokesperson tells People.com reports of the actress taking the role are "not at all true."

A spokesperson from Westwood's team adds: "The script has not even been finished yet, let alone casting. Kate Winslet was just one of many names that were mentioned as possibles to play Vivienne, but this whole thing has been blown completely out of proportion."

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Bunton not buff

FITNESS Hollywood stars Jessica Alba and Nicole Kidman managed to get back into shape in a matter of months after giving birth.

But for former Spice Girl Emma Bunton, regaining her former svelte figure has taken her well over a year, the Daily Mail reports.

Admittedly she said, because she needs pushing to hit the gym.

"I usually need someone to come and give me an extra push," Bunton says.

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West won't say he's sorry for scuffle

CELEBRITY Grammy-winning rapper Kanye West is reportedly refusing to apologize to the paparazzi in Los Angeles over a scuffle last month, instead requesting they leave him alone, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rapper is said to have attacked a photographer and smashed his equipment to the ground during a struggle.

West has declined photographers' calls for an apology for the airport fracas, simply telling them, "I'm gonna ask you as a man to leave me alone."

West and his assistant were arrested following the September incident and charged with felony vandalism, but the charge was later dropped by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office.

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Gangster goes good
Frank Lucas, the drug king portrayed by Denzel Washington in American Gangster, is embarking on a U.S. tour to preach to kids against violence and crime. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

HELLO! Hot shot of week

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Actress Halle Berry's beau Gabriel Aubry arrives at Toronto's Light Lounge to meet fans with his band, Café Fuego. "It feels great to be here," the Montreal-born 32-year-old Calvin Klein model, who has a six-month-old daughter, Nahla, with his superstar girlfriend, told Hello! Canada. hellomagazine.com

Watts scared sexy during filming of horror flick

MOVIES Naomi Watts was reportedly so terrified of shooting scenes for the horror movie Funny Games she sought comfort in partner Liev Schreiber — and accidentally conceived their first child, imdb.com reports.

The actress turned to Schreiber during breaks in filming in a bid to shake off the psychological effects of the English-language remake of Michael Haneke's 1997 German movie.

But Watts's fear soon turned to happiness after learning she was pregnant with their son Alexander Pete.

"I have to say that I conceived during this film," she says. "I think I was creatively fulfilled.'"

But Watts is adamant her son will never see the film. "I certainly don't want my son to see this film, for a very long time. When he's an adult, he's going to make his own decisions about what he sees and hopefully he'll understand my reasoning behind it."

Watts is expecting the couple's second child.

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No surgery for Kardashian ... yet

CELEBRITY In response to all the rumours about plastic surgery that Kim Kardashian has been accused of having, the reality TV star has posted a bikini shot of herself at about 14 years old on her website, kimkardashian.com, intouchweekly.com reports.

"I have decided to post this picture to finally put all of the plastic surgery rumours to rest!" writes Kardashian. "I hope after seeing this you guys will never ask me a plastic surgery question again!"

But never say never. Although she denies having surgery now, Kardashian isn't opposed to the idea.

"I am definitely not against it at all," she adds. "One day, I will definitely get a lift, but I am waiting until after I have kids."

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Mills' pool put on hold

CELEBRITY Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills has reportedly been caught building a swimming pool in the grounds of her English home without planning permission, imdb.com reports.

Planners discovered the pool while visiting Mills's Robertsbridge, East Sussex, home to check the former glamour model had pulled down a huge marquee she had erected illegally.

They have now ordered her to submit an application for the pool, and if permission is denied, Mills will have to fill it in.

A local spokesperson tells the Hastings & St. Leonards Observer newspaper, "The marquee appears to have been dismantled. Apparently, there is a swimming pool and we have invited a planning application for it. This will then be considered in accordance with the normal planning process."

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celebrity brief

Cho gets honour

AWARD Comedienne Margaret Cho has been named Korean of the Year by a leading Korean-American newspaper, imdb.com reports.

The funnywoman says the accolade is extra special because of the way she was treated when she revealed she was bisexual.

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Dating Diaz difficult, she says

DATING Cameron Diaz finds it tough to maintain a relationship because she is "a spoiled brat," imdb.com reports.

The actress has dated a string of Hollywood stars including Matt Dillon, Jared Leto and singer Justin Timberlake.

She is now dating Jennifer Aniston's ex Paul Sculfor, and claims her selfishness often hinders long-term romances.

"It's really hard for me to commit," Diaz says. "It's probably a lack of discipline on my part.

"Honestly, I'm just a spoiled brat who's used to getting my own way all the time! I'm sure that's what it is.

"I'm sure I'll suffer for it later, but I'm happy with it right now."

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